



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 (Term 3, Week 10)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have enjoyed and eventful few weeks since the last newsletter.

Dance Concert

Congratulations to everyone for a most magnificent performance. To Karen McCulloch for her amazing choreography and her ability to have all the children participating with enthusiasm. We are blessed to have Karen on our staff. To all parents and carers for supporting your children in so many ways. Mad Panic Promotions provided everything we needed for each main character to have their own microphone. Kylan Beech and Daniel Daminato volunteered their time for the videography. A big thank you to Belinda White, and to Leanne and Jamie Costello for an over and above effort with props.

(And let's not forget Sheri Bonney who wrote and directed the show, the story was brilliant and flowed beautifully with the help of the main characters. Kerri)

Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Since our last newsletter we have experienced the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Whilst we all hold various views on the role of the monarchy in Australia, she was our Head of State. Queen Elizabeth's contribution to our lives has been as an enduring presence. Most of us have not known a world without the Queen, she has just always been there. She is one of those people who ultimately went by a single name, 'The Queen', regardless of where in the world she was being referred to. On 6 February 1952, on the death of her father King George VI, Princess Elizabeth became Queen. She went on to become the longest serving monarch in Britain's history, and the second longest serving monarch in the world. This year she celebrated her Platinum Jubilee (70 years) with celebrations taking place in London in early June.

There have been times in our lives where a message, or statement, or even visit from the Queen has made a difference. In 2011 she made a point of visiting Brisbane after the devastating floods. For the people involved, just knowing someone as famous and significant as the

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fri 30th Subway lunches
Term 3 concludes 3.00pm

OCTOBER

Mon 17th Term 4 commences
Wed 19th Year 8 students Gardasil vaccination
Thu 20th Coin Mosaic Fundraiser
Fri 28th Year 3 Assembly 9.00am

NOVEMBER

Wed 2nd – Fri 4th Year 4 & 5 Camp
Year 7/8 Camp
Fri 18th Twilight Market 5.00-8.00pm

Parish Weekend Mass Times

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta:
Sunday 8.30am
Sacred Heart, Kadina:
Saturday 8.30am Sunday 10.00am
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wallaroo:
Saturday 6.00pm



In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge Nharangga Country and Australia's First Peoples as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL & APRIM

Queen knew of their troubles meant a great deal to them. She was 85 years old at the time. Early in the pandemic I recall the Queen's message to the world where she spoke of the hardships of the time, whilst encouraging us to hold fast, that this would end, and that we would meet again, speaking as one who experienced the devastation and privations of World War II. The passing of someone as significant as the Queen affects individuals in different ways, including not at all. On 22 September we had a one-off Public Holiday for people to mourn the loss of the Queen in their own way. The National Memorial Service was telecast live from the Great Hall of Parliament House in Canberra.

As we remain a constitutional monarchy, King Charles III has now been proclaimed king of Australia, and as such is our Head of State.

If you watched any of the proceedings on television you will have seen ancient rituals being undertaken every day, a wonderful history lesson for us all. Having been 70 years since these rituals were last performed, we have only ever seen anything like it in the movies.

May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in the eternal light and peace of God's glory, welcomed home by the angels and saints after an earthly life of a job well done!

God bless His Majesty King Charles III, and Her Majesty Queen Consort Camilla as they undertake a rigorous life of service at a time when most of us retire.

Pupil Free Day

Last Friday, the staff of St Mary MacKillop's enjoyed a day of learning about Christian Meditation. The power of times of silence and stillness on our wellbeing are proven. In our Catholic school context, to be able to incorporate the ancient Christian prayer of meditation is a blessing and a privilege. We look forward to incorporating these times of stillness in the prayer life of our school.

Congratulations Dr Annette Morphet

This week, Annette Morphet graduated with her doctorate from Uni SA. Achieving a doctorate means a great deal of study and research on a particular topic, and then writing 60000 words about it.

Baby Congratulations

We congratulate Heath (Year 5/6), Nicole and Jeremy on the arrival of their baby girl, Maya Jazmyn. We wish them all the best for the future.



Congratulations to our UP Choir

Bernie Thomson, Michele Giesecke and five dedicated children participated in this year's Catholic Schools Music Festival at Adelaide's Festival Theatre. It is the first time in a number of years that the Choir has been at Festival Theatre. It is a wonderful experience for those who participate – not everyone gets to say they have sung at the Festival Theatre. Huge thanks to Bernie and Michele for their work across the year, and for the really long day in Adelaide, leaving before the sun came up and returning late into the night.



Back: Mileah, Ameliah, Riley
Front: Mrs Giesecke, Adelaide, Charley, Mrs Thomson



L-R: Mileah, Amelia, Adelaide, Riley, Charley

NET Team Visit the Middle School

On Tuesday, the National Evangelisation Team (NET) from Port Pirie, came to visit our Middle School for an Encounter Day. Students had a theme for the day, which was 'Moved by Compassion,' which was linked to our diocesan theme of 'Loving Our Neighbours' and taking care of others around us. Students learnt through game-based activities, which related back to the theme. They also had some reflection time, prayers and stories.

All students commented on how this was a very successful day, where they found it easy to focus as the activities were enjoyable and fun.



Farewell from Kerri

It is hard to believe that my 15 weeks as Acting Principal are almost at an end. When I think back to when I was first welcomed to St Mary MacKillop, I knew straight away what a lovely community I was coming in to. The children have been so kind, and the staff so welcoming. I said in my first newsletter that I am about having the children and their needs at the centre of all my decision making. While I have been here, we have undertaken staff training on Autism Spectrum Disorder which involves recognising that people with autism see the world in a different way to many other people. We need autism in our world because we need their perspective on things. Knowing that autism can result in significant anxiety helps us to also understand what we can all do to regulate our emotions. Sometimes we need each other's help with that too. If we all understand about emotional regulation, we can all understand how important it is for someone else. This term you may have become familiar with the Incredible 1 to 5 scale, A choices and B choices, and the power of the visuals you see the staff carrying on their lanyards. These are just some of the strategies being incorporated into our classes.

I would like to thank Sheri Bonney and Lisa Caffyn for their leadership and support. They have been a great team to work with. I would also like to thank Karen Westlake, Emily Donnell and Julia Agnew whose patience and knowledge have been invaluable. To Annette Morphet and Francesca Tully, whose support and knowledge in the area of inclusive education is an asset to the school. To all the staff for their warm welcome and support and to all the children whose joy and enthusiasm have truly been a blessing. I will miss you all, and rest assured I will always carry a little piece of St Mary MacKillop's in my heart.

Kerri

FROM THE PRINCIPAL & APRIM

We wish you all a happy and safe October term break and look forward to a positive Term 4 as we welcome Michelle Miller back after her leave.

Peace and blessings

Kerri Dent
Acting Principal

Sheridan Bonney
APRIM

Prayer of the Week

We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

Coin Mosaic Fundraiser

We have some information about our upcoming Coin Mosaic Fundraiser. We know you already know a bit about it...but there are always questions.

WHEN:

Thursday, 20th October from approximately 10.00am until recess time.

WHAT:

The coin mosaic fundraiser for Caritas Australia - We'll be called out in our classes and asked to contribute the coins we have been collecting to the mosaics, that Mr Hamra has drawn, on the ground – in our house teams – Joseph, Tappeiner, Woods and MacKillop!

WHO:

Every student and staff member hopefully!. We are all called to be neighbours, you know!

WHY:

We need to reach out to those who have less than us. We can't see a need and do nothing about it, can we? We'll actually feel great from our giving, I think.

HOW:

The coins will ALL be collected, and hopefully there will be a good amount of money to send to our neighbours who need it, through Caritas Australia.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Not really – just collect those coins, silver and gold. Ask your grandparents and friends during the holidays for them as well.



Year 2 Excursion

How lucky the Year 2 OK students were to enjoy a fun-filled day of learning and activities at Redwing Farm on Tuesday 27th September.

Miranda and her family generously hosted our visit and we enjoyed so many things whilst there.

- *feeding and interacting with an amazing variety of animals,
- *running through the crops
- *climbing and jumping through the magnificent maze
- *toasting and eating marshmallows
- *laying animal pavers that we decorated,
- *discovering unicorn footprints and fairy houses
- *playing giant games
- *learning about farm produce - and so much more.

The weather was perfect for our trip and we capped off a beautiful day with a play at the helicopter park in Wallaroo, before returning to school.

We had such a great day, we think we want to go back again tomorrow.



School Crossing Monitor Training

The SA Police Road Safety Centre is a leader in road safety education and contributes to a reduction in the frequency and severity of road trauma in South Australia.

Recently Mitchell, Luke, Chelsea, Max, Mia and Harvie took part in School Crossing Monitor Training. This training is delivered to students aged 10 years or older, teachers and school volunteers who want to operate a school crossing or pedestrian-activated traffic lights.

This training was provided by a member of the South Australia Police Road Safety Centre and educated students on how to safely stop vehicles approaching a school crossing to facilitate the safe crossing of pedestrians. Students received a certificate issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, authorising them to be school crossing monitors.

We ask all parents/carers to take the time to talk to their children about road safety. It is important that all parents/carers are good road safety role models.

For more information on school crossing monitor training or on road safety please visit

www.police.sa.gov.au/road-safety/resources



L-R: Mitchell, Luke, Chelsea, Max
Absent: Mia and Harvie



Subway Lunches



SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER

Friday Lunches will not be available.

OSHC & Vacation Care News

OCTOBER VACATION CARE

We will be closed for the first two days in the October school holidays due to staff shortages. These days follow on from the October long weekend. Dates closed are Tuesday, 4th October and Wednesday, 5th October.

Reopening on Thursday 6th October. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

CANCELLATIONS

When cancellations are made at short notice this impacts on staffing, running costs and other families needing to use the service.

Any bookings for OSHC during the school term must be cancelled seven school term days in advance.

Any bookings for Vacation Care during the school holidays must be cancelled in advance a minimum of fourteen days during business hours.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

Return Slip

We are planning now for our finances, staffing and enrolments for our 2023 school year.

To assist with our forward planning it is very helpful to know if your child/children will be leaving us at the end of this school year. If we are not informed, this can impact significantly on class structures and student placement.

Please indicate if it is your intention for your child/children to be leaving our school at the end of 2022.

RETURN SLIP

My child/children: _____

WILL NOT be attending St Mary MacKillop School in 2023.

Parent name: _____ Signature: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sophia M – Year 4/5	21 st September
Alexis – Reception/1	22 nd September
Maddalyn – Year 1	25 th September
Patrick – Reception/1	26 th September
Ruby – Year 1	30 th September
Zara – Year 3	2 nd October
Charlize – Year 4/5	6 th October
Cohen – Year 2/3	9 th October
Zayne – Year 2	10 th October
Jack – Year 2	11 th October
Rafter – Year 1	11 th October
Archer – Reception/1	11 th October
Isabelle – Year 3	15 th October
Sienna – Year 2/3	16 th October
Annabel – Year 1	18 th October



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Year 7/8 Camp information
2. Year 7/8 MITIOG information

If you have not received any of the above hand-outs, please write a note in your child's diary for a copy to be sent home.

Community News

The services and events contained in Community News are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children. Notices will be placed if time and space permits.

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

@YOUR LIBRARY

KADINA LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER @ 2PM- SHOW ME THE MONEY!
AN INTERACTIVE TALK FOR KIDS AGED 7+

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER @ 10AM-12 NOON AND @2PM-4PM
BEE BOTS (BOTH SESSIONS WILL BE THE SAME)

WALLAROO LIBRARY

3RD - 7TH OCTOBER ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM - 1PM
MAKE A PIGGY BANK! COLLECT TO TAKE HOME OR STAY AND GET
CREATIVE AT THE LIBRARY
PLUS COLOUR BY NUMBERS!

10TH-14TH OCTOBER ANYTIME BETWEEN 10AM - 1PM
MAKE YOUR OWN MONEY BOARD GAME! COLLECT TO TAKE HOME OR
STAY AND GET CREATIVE AT THE LIBRARY
PLUS DOT-TO-DOT!

**OUR REGULAR PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**



SHOW ME THE MONEY!



AN INTERACTIVE TALK AT THE KADINA LIBRARY

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 5
AT 2 PM**

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MONEY AND TRADE

HOLD AN ANCIENT ROMAN COIN!

WHY DOES ZIMBABWE HAVE A 100 TRILLION DOLLAR NOTE?

Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE



MONDAY 03/10	TUESDAY 04/10	WEDNESDAY 05/10	THURSDAY 06/10	FRIDAY 07/10
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<p>SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S</p> <p>SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES</p>	<p>TEEN GYM WITH MICHELLE 3.30PM-4.30PM AGES 12-16</p>	<p>BASKETBALL REBOUNDER SET UP ALL DAY \$3 PER PERSON</p> <p>TEEN HIIT WITH WILL 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 12-16</p>	<p>BASKETBALL REBOUNDER SET UP ALL DAY \$3 PER PERSON</p> <p>SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES</p> <p>JUNIOR BOOTCAMP WITH WILL 9.30AM- 10.30AM 6-12 YEARS</p> <p>LIFT WITH WILL 10.30AM – 11.30AM AGES 12-16</p>
MONDAY 10/10	TUESDAY 11/10	WEDNESDAY 12/10	THURSDAY 13/10	FRIDAY 14/10
<p>KINDER FUN 10.30AM-11.30AM 0-5 YEARS</p>	<p>SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S</p> <p>SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30PM ALL AGES</p>	<p>TEEN GYM WITH MICHELLE 3.30PM-4.30PM AGES 12-16</p>	<p>BASKETBALL REBOUNDER SET UP ALL DAY \$3 PER PERSON</p> <p>TEEN HIIT WITH WILL 10.30AM-11.30AM AGES 12-16</p>	<p>BASKETBALL REBOUNDER SET UP ALL DAY \$3 PER PERSON</p> <p>SWIM AND PLAY 2-3PM ALL AGES</p> <p>JUNIOR BOOTCAMP WITH WILL 9.30AM- 10.30AM 6-12 YEARS</p> <p>LIFT WITH WILL 10.30M – 11.30AM AGES 12-16</p>

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS- PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK- PLACES ARE LIMITED!

\$6.70 cost for all sessions

***SWIM AND PLAY- UNDER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER WITHIN ARM'S REACH AT ALL TIMES. OVER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES UNLESS THE CHILD CAN SWIM INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT A FLOTATION AID.**

Give life. Give blood in Kadina.

Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
4 October to 7 October

Tuesday 4 October 12 pm – 6.30 pm
 Wednesday 5 October 9.30 am – 6.30 pm
 Thursday 6 October 9.30 am – 6.30 pm
 Friday 7 October 7.30 am – 2 pm

give blood

Messy Church

Kadina Uniting Church Hall

Friday 21st October 3.15pm— 5.30pm

Family Time

- Creative activities for Children
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated

For more information call
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